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**CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION**

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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

Column 8,

Between lines 58 and 59, please insert the following paragraph:

-- In addition, total avoidance of dirt penetration into clamping device 12 is achieved in that the mutual sealing of the two parts (support piece 5 and shaped part 2) is achieved by clamping device 12, specifically an elastomer tube 26 on the one hand, and positive locking of support piece 5 and shaped part 2 on the other hand. In other words, penetration of dirt or similar contaminants, especially from below, is avoided on the one side through sealing by elastomer tube 26. On the opposite side, the lower edge of support piece 5 is pressed onto shaped part 2, thereby also achieving a sealing effect. This type of sealing prevents penetration of fibers and/or process water into unit 1. --

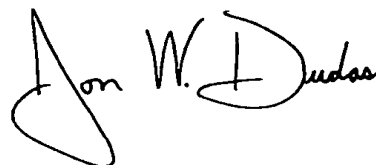
Column 9,

Line 24, please delete "WB", and substitute therefore -- W<sub>B</sub> --; and

Line 27, please delete both instances of "WB," and substitute therefore -- W<sub>B</sub> --.

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